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1. AFTER NORMAL DELAYS COMPLICATED BY CONSIDERATION GIVEN AT SUCCESSIVELY HIGHER LEVELS GOZ TO QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF LETTERS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT NIXON, IT NOW APPEARS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO GO AHEAD. I EXPECT TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA THIS AFTERNOON AND TO PRESENT LETTERS TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY.
 2. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT PRIVATE TALK WITH PRESIDENT AFTER LETTERS PRESENTED MAY BE SUBSTANTIVE. PERHAPS WE WILL LEARN MORE FROM UMBA BUT I SUSPECT WE WILL KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN IT HAPPENS. WHILE I WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FULL GAMUT OF RELATIONS, I PLAN TO LISTEN AND RESPOND, NOT TO TAKE INITIATIVE, EXCEPT PERHAPS TO ASK - IF IT IS NOT OFFERED - FOR EARLY APPOINTMENT FOR SEPARATE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT.
 3. IF PRESIDENT RAISES ANGOLA AND FONMIN UMBA'S THREE-POINT DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT I SHOULD MOVE BALL SOMEWHAT BY INDICATING THAT I AM PREPARED TO MEET MOST PRIVATELY WITH HOLDEN
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ROBERTO, ESSENTIALLY TO LISTEN AT THIS TIME BUT THEREBY

ALSO TO BEGIN HIGHER LEVEL DIALOGUE WHICH PRESIDENT
MOBUTU HAS REQUESTED. I BELIEVE SUCH A RESPONSE FROM
ME TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S URGING - IF TI COMES AND ONLY
IF IT COMES - WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION THAT UMBA CARRIED BACK TO KINSHASA FROM
HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY. HINTON

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